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- 1. According to a teletype sent by the Berlin regional reilroad headquarters to railroad subdistrict offices 1 through 7 on 2 September 1951, all railroad cars used for the shipment of lime, so-called K-cars, were to be checked immediately to determine whether they had iron floor plates and were suitable for transit operations, Kailroad cars which met these requirements were to be reported without delay to 25143. The correctness of the report was to be checked on the spot by special control teams. **
- 2. The following teletype was sent by the Berlin regional railroad beadquarters to railroad subdistrict offices No 1, 2, 6 and 7, on 4 September 1951:

"Subject: Checking of Transit Morthiness: Until changed. The target for the transfer of empty condola cars has not been fulfilled **because of belated** arrival in Frankfert/Oder of trains of empty condola cars, and therefore the checking of condola cars with regard to their transit worthiness must be intensified and one train of empty condola cars will have to be dispatched both from Berlin-Schoeneweide and Rummelsburg by 12 p.m. Pankow will send all gendela cars fit for service to Rummelsburg. Frankfurt will also assemble a train of empty condola cars from local stocks on hand. A reserve train is to be assembled in Frankfurt/Oder ready for transfer by 12 p.m.

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3. According to a teletype sont by the Berlin-regional railroad headquarters to all railroad stations and subordinate agencies in its district on 5 September 1951, all foreign cars were to be returned empty to their home countries as speedily as possible. The cars concerned were to be returned in whole trains or groups if this was possible without causing delays. Exceptions were to be granted only by the railroad car distribution point through the regional railroad headquarters. It was further stated in the teletype that German freight cars suitable for transit operations were to be used for expert ships ments. The checking of railroad cars with regard to their transit worthiness was to be intensified. ****

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The utilization of those K-cars, 15-ton cars provided with hinged iron lids is not known. It is believed that those cars will be assembled in trains and used for transit operations. No information has been received whether this order has been given also in other railroad districts and what is to be shipped in those cars.

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It is believed that this order is connected with the program of sending empty condcla cars to the east which has been in operation since late June 1951.

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The purpose of this order is not clear. It violates standing international resulations.

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